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1. ON INSTRUCTIONS AMBASSADOR ARAUJO CASTRO CALLED ON BOWDLER TODAY TO CONVEY HIS GOVERNMENT'S VIEWS ON THE TRIPARTITE INITIATIVE ON CUBAN SANCTIONS. ARAUJO CASTRO INDICATED GOB IS NOT ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THIS INITIATIVE BUT DID NOT WANT TO OBSTRUCT OAS CONSIDERATION OF CUBAN ISSUE IF MAJORITY OF STATES SO DESIRED. WITH RESPECT TO PROPOSED RESOLUTION, GOB POSITION IS THAT PERMANENT COUNCIL SHOULD FIRST CONSTITUTE ITSELF AS PROVISIONAL ORGAN OF CONSULTATION BEFORE TAKING DECISION ON CONVOCAION OF MFM AND ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY, WHICH IN THEIR OPINION REQUIRES TWO-THIRDS VOTE. REGARDING THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE, GOB COULD APPROVE THE RESOLUTION PROVIDED IT IS MODIFIED TO
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INCLUDE THE CONCEPT OF EXAMINING THE SANCTIONS ISSUE

"IN LIGHT OF THE PRINCIPLE OF NON-INTERVENTION" AND
DROPPING "INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL CIRCUMSTANCES" CLAUSE.

2. ARAUJO CASTRO LEFT TEXT OF OPERATIVE PARA 3 OF
TRIPARTITE RESOLUTION AS GOB WOULD LIKE TO HAVE IT
AMENDED WHICH READS:

3. QUOTE TO APPOINT A COMMITTEE OF REPRESENTATIVES
FROM FIVE MEMBER STATES, TO BE SELECTED BY CHAIRMAN
OF COUNCIL, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING, WITHIN ONE
MONTH AND IN THE LIGHT OF THE MOST STRICT RESPECT
FOR THE PRINCIPLE OF NON-INTERVENTION, A REPORT ON WHETHER
THE CHANGES OCCURRING IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH MEAS-
URES AGAINST GOVERNMENT OF CUBA WERE TAKEN, JUSTIFY DIS-
CONTINUING THE APPLICATION OF RESOLUTION I OF THE NINTH
MEETING OF CONSULTATION, HELD IN WASHINGTON D.C., IN
1964. THIS REPORT SHALL BE EXAMINED BY THE ORGAN OF
CONSULTATION AT ITS MEETING IN QUITO. END QUOTE

4. BOWDLER TOLD ARAUJO CASTRO THAT WE WERE STILL
STUDYING THE RESOLUTION AND HAD MADE NO SUBSTANTIVE
DECISIONS, ALTHOUGH, AS HE KNEW, WE AGREED WITH THEIR
VIEW THAT THE TERMS OF REFERENCE AS NOW STATED ARE
NOT SATISFACTORY. WE POINTED OUT THAT URUGUAY WAS ALSO
INTERESTED IN ADDING A REFERENCE TO THE PRINCIPLE OF NON-
INTERVENTION AND THAT CHILE WANTED TO ELIMINATE THE
"INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL CIRCUMSTANCES" CLAUSE.

5. SO FAR AS THE PROCEDURAL QUESTION WAS CONCERNED,
THE U.S. HAD NOT TAKEN A POSITION ON WHETHER IT WAS
DESIRABLE TO CONVOKE THE COUNCIL AS PROVISIONAL ORGAN OF
CONSULTATION BEFORE ACTING ON THE QUESTION OF A STUDY
COMMITTEE. IF THEIR PROCEDURAL APPROACH WERE ADOPTED,
WE WOULD AGREE (AS STATED IN REF (A) THAT IT WOULD
REQUIRE A TWO-THIRDS VOTE TO ESTABLISH THE COMMITTEE,
ALTHOUGH OTHERS MIGHT HAVE A DIFFERENT PROCEDURAL
INTERPRETATION.

6. FYI. OUR SOUNDINGS INDICATE SUBSTANTIAL, THOUGH
NOT NECESSARILY MAJORITY SENTIMENT FOR MODIFICATIONS OF
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THE TRIPARTITE DRAFT. YOU SHOULD ALSO BE ON THE LOOKOUT
FOR A CABLE FROM SAN JOSE, WHICH INDICATED THAT PORTIONS
OF FACIO'S LETTER TO VENEZUELAN FOREIGN MINISTER SCHACT
IN JULY HAVE JUST LEAKED TO THE PRESS IN A UPI STORY,
ANGERING THE VENEZUELANS AGAIN. (THE LETTER IMPLIED,
ACCURATELY, THAT SCHACT WAS THEN CONTEMPLATING UNILATERAL
RESUMPTION OF RELATIONS WITH CUBA.) END FYI KISSINGER

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